

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 20-29, 32-40, 63, and 69 are pending. Claims 1-19, 30-31, 41-62, 64-68, 70, and 71 were previously canceled. Claims 24-29, 35, and 36 were previously withdrawn. In this Amendment, claims 20, 22, 32, 37, 40, 63, and 69 are amended, and claim 21 is canceled.

Applicant's undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone call of August 19, 2009, in which the Examiner confirmed that claims 21-23, 32-34, 37-40, 63, and 69 were objected to as depending from rejected base claim 20, but were otherwise considered to present allowable subject matter.

**Claim Amendments**

Claim 20 is amended to incorporate elements of allowable dependent claim 21. Each of allowable claims 37, 40, 63, and 69 are amended in independent form. Claims 22 and 32 are amended to conform claim dependencies. Hence, no new matter is introduced, and all independent claims recite allowable subject matter.

**Request for Rejoinder**

Presently pending claims 24-29, 35, and 36 were withdrawn pursuant to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 9, 2007. Amended claim 20, from which these claims depend, is now allowable because it recites elements of allowable claim 21. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that claims 24-29, 35, and 36 be rejoined and allowed as well.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

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